

# ODE solution (cont)

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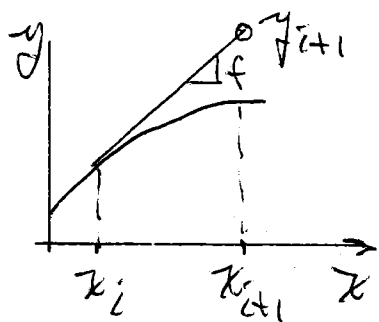
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Previously we noted

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = y' = f(x, y)$$

a) Euler integration

$$y_{i+1} = y_i + f(x_i, y_i) \cdot h$$



1st order: since only uses  $f = y' = \frac{dy}{dx}$

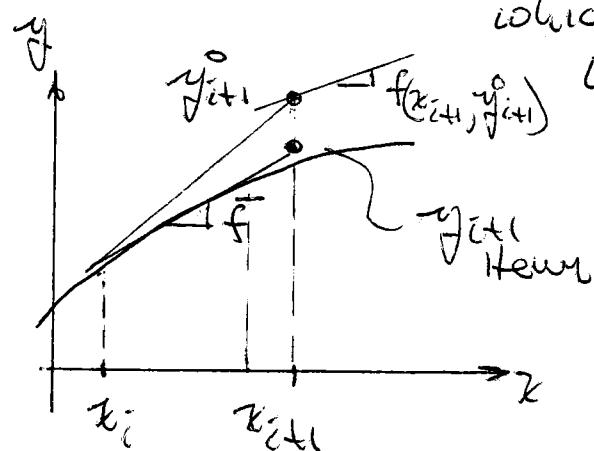
Explicit: uses 'known' info @  $x_i, y_i$  to 'shoot' solution forward

b) Heun's Method

$$y_{i+1} = y_i + \left( \frac{f(x_i, y_i) + f(x_{i+1}, y_{i+1}^0)}{2} \right) h$$

AKA: "corrector eqn"

which uses  $y_{i+1}^0 = y_i + f(x_i, y_i) \cdot h$



Euler to predict  $y_{i+1}$  so it can be used to estimate slope @  $(x_{i+1})$  which is then averaged with Euler slope @  $x_i$

2nd order since corrector eqn slope  $\bar{f}$  is mean of  $f(x_i, y_i)$  and  $f(x_{i+1}, y_{i+1}^0)$

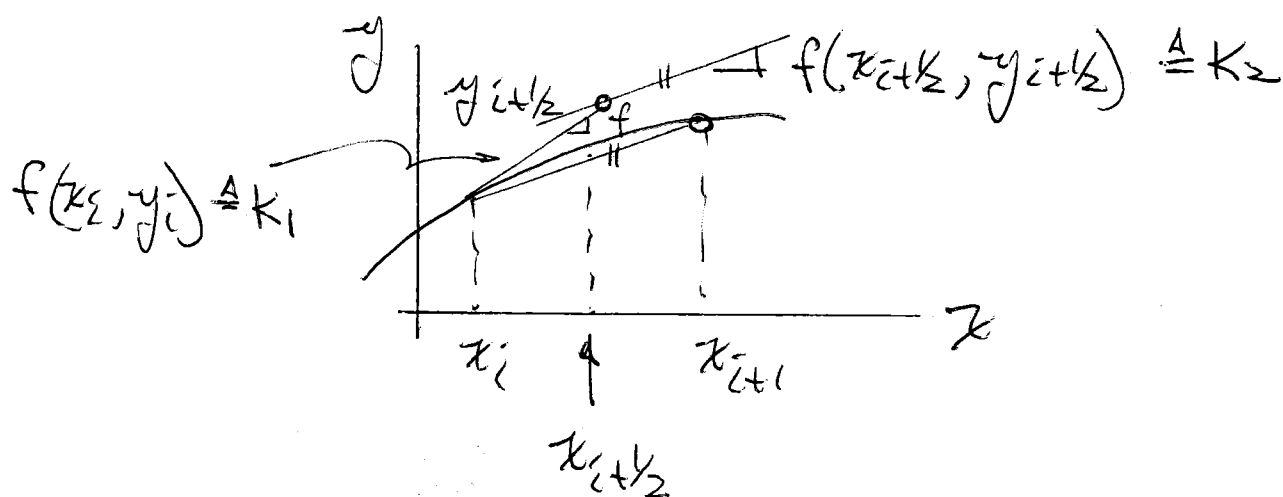
Implicit: since  $y_{i+1}^0$  is a 'guess estimate' but could be improved with successive iterations

now try to do Better:

### c) Modified Euler (mid point) Method

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since Heun's Method shows promise, why not just use Euler to shoot  $\frac{1}{2}$ -way between  $x_i$  &  $x_{i+1}$ , and then predict  $y'(x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}, y_{i+\frac{1}{2}})$  and use this pseudo-mean slope to shoot the entire interval from  $x_i$  to  $x_{i+1}$



$$\therefore y_{i+1} = y_i + f(x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}, y_{i+\frac{1}{2}}) \cdot h$$

2nd order since  $f(x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}, y_{i+\frac{1}{2}})$  is essentially a centered finite difference slope calculation

~~implicit~~ This is also a predictor-corrector approach which

⊛ note: Heun may overestimate  $y_{i+1}$

midpoint may underestimate  $y_{i+1}$

⊛ So why not work some combination  $\rightarrow$  Runge-Kutta to improve accuracy

# d) Classical 4th order Runge-Kutta (many variations) <sup>3/5</sup>

premise: use a weighted combination of slope estimates a la Euler, Heun, & midpoint to get effective 4th order approximation for  $y_{i+1}$  with truncation error  $O(h^5)$   
global error  $O(h^4)$

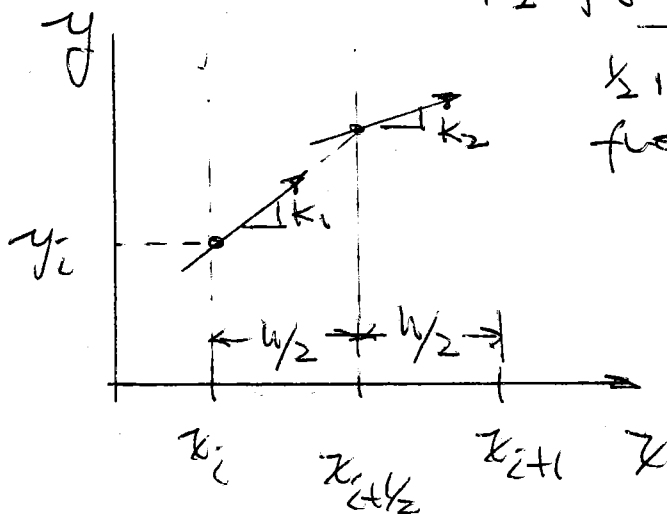
d1) use Euler @  $x_i \xrightarrow{\text{to get}} f(x_i, y_i) \triangleq k_1$  rename for convenience

d2) use midpoint @  $x_{i+1/2} = x_i + \frac{1}{2}h \rightarrow f(x_{i+1/2}, y_{i+1/2}) \triangleq k_2$

note: a more explicit notation was emerged in the text

$k_1 = f(x_i, y_i)$  ~ slope evaluated @  $(x_i, y_i)$  a la Euler

$$k_2 = f\left(x_i + \frac{1}{2}h, y_i + \frac{1}{2}k_1 h\right)$$



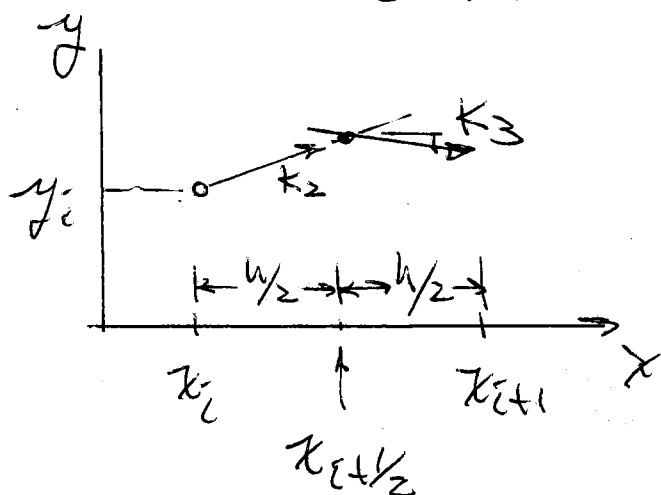
$\frac{1}{2}$  interval from  $x_i$

Euler slope shot  $\frac{1}{2}$  way across interval (i.e.  $k_1 \cdot \frac{h}{2}$ )

d3) use midpoint again @  $x_{i+1/2}$

but this time use  $k_2$  as slope to shoot  $\frac{1}{2}$  way  
"pseudo-Euler"

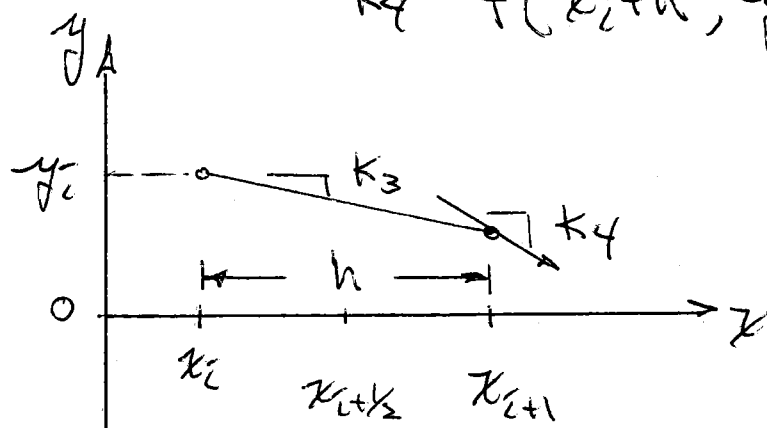
$$k_3 = f\left(x_i + \frac{1}{2}h, y_i + k_2 \frac{h}{2}\right)$$



midpoint slope used  
to shoot  $\frac{1}{2}$  way  
across interval

d4) use pseudo-Euler to shoot across entire  
interval to using  $k_3$  and estimate  
slope at end of interval

$$k_4 = f(x_i + h, y_i + k_3 \cdot h)$$



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now assemble each prediction of  $y_{i+1}$  with weights

$$d1) [y_{i+1} = y_i + k_1 h] * \cancel{w_1} \rightarrow 1 \quad \text{1st order}$$

$$d2) [y_{i+1} = y_i + k_2 h] * \cancel{w_2} \rightarrow 2 \quad \text{2nd order}$$

$$d3) [y_{i+1} = y_i + k_3 h] * \cancel{w_3} \rightarrow 2 \quad \text{3rd order}$$

$$d4) [y_{i+1} = y_i + k_4 h] * \cancel{w_4} \rightarrow 1 \quad \text{4th order}$$


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$$d1 + d2 + d3 + d4 \Rightarrow 6 y_{i+1} = 6 y_i + \{k_1 + 2k_2 + 2k_3 + k_4\} h$$

normalize:

$$y_{i+1} = y_i + \frac{h}{6} \{k_1 + 2k_2 + 2k_3 + k_4\}$$

4th order local truncation error  $\sim O(h^5)$

global error  $\sim O(h^4)$